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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-18, 22, and 23 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12-14, 16-18, 22, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,651,171 ("England"). Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over England in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0037237 ("Abgrall").

In response, claim 1 has been amended to include at least one limitation not disclosed by England.

Claim 1, as amended, includes decode logic to receive a launch instruction. England does not disclose this limitation. England does not describe a launch instruction as set forth in claim 1, and therefore cannot describe decode logic to receive a launch instruction. The launch instruction of claim 1 is executed by loading an authenticated code module into memory, locking the memory, retrieving a key, authenticating the authenticated code module stored in the memory using the key, and initiating execution of the authenticated code module stored in the memory. The examiner argues that each of these actions is described somewhere in England, however, even if they are, England does not describe these actions as being performed to execute a single instruction.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12-14, 16-18, 22, and 23 depend on amended claim 1, and therefore include at least one limitation that is not disclosed by England.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12-14, 16-18, 22, and 23 be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 15, the combination of Abgrall and England does not include at least one limitation of amended claim 1, specifically, decode logic to receive a launch instruction. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 15 be withdrawn.

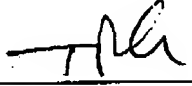
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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the rejections of claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-18, 22, and 23 have been overcome, and that claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 12-18, 22, and 23 are in condition for allowance. The applicant therefore respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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